

GH WILDFIRE EMERGENCY EXIT GATES PROTOCOL

**Recommendations after onsite inspection of all six gates, by:
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CROSSINGS: CROSSLINK COURT CUL-DE-SAC/COLBERT LANE

**Four CERT Team Members residing in the Crossings to be designated as
“Crossings Wildfire Marshalls”, to hold combination to Crossings gate locks and
key to Crossings pool storage/service room door.**

**Chain cutters stored in canvas bag or some other container in pool
storage/service room for protection against chlorine induced metal degradation
and for visual protection.**

**Chain cutters cannot be borrowed even for a short period of time.
Crossings” Wildfire Marshalls” do not report to CERT ICP until Crossings gates
opened.**

**All six GH Firewise Emergency Exits now have standardized, uniform dimension
chain capable of being cut by all available size cutters. All six gates have similar
combination locks with identical opening codes.**

**Crossings chain closed with lock-to-lock (County/GH) configuration.
County must know how to service, restore lock- to-lock configuration.**

**Signage: at Crosslink, typical GH Wildfire Emergency Exit sign
At Colbert Lane, “Wildfire Emergency Only Exit,
Trespassing for Any Purpose Strictly
Prohibited” (by ?County Ordinance #?)”**

**FOM staff periodically check to make sure locks lubricated and in correct
configuration.**

GRAND HAVEN WILDFIRE EMERGENCY ONLY EXIT GATES:

**Riverbend Drive end of traffic circle
Kite Court cul-de-sac
Creekside Drive termination cul-de-sac
Southlake Drive cul-de-sac**

**All main Grand Haven locks are similar combination locks with identical codes.
(Codes should be changed yearly or if the FOM believes they have been**

compromised. The FOM must inform the appropriate members of the Firewise Board and CERT team of the new combination.)

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**Chain cutters stored at: Main Guard House – FOM Staff & CERT use
North Gate Guardhouse
South Gate Guardhouse
VC pool storage room (chain saw, generator,
gas cans)
?FOM Office?**

NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS:

Crossings (as per protocol above), Crossings “Wildfire Marshalls open gates.

**Four GH Gates: FOM Staff, under FOM direction, have access to all chain cutters, will locate, open Fire exits with combination or cut chain if the locks are inoperative or the combination fails.
FOM staff to notify CERT IC when gates successfully opened (cell phone pref.)
(Facilitators not part of solution, AMG personnel will only be used as directed by FOM)
Guards not part of solution (?Dismissal procedures for guards?)**

OFF HOURS:

Crossings (as per protocol above), Crossings “Wildfire Marshalls” open gates.

**Four GH Gates: 2 CERT Team members active at all times.
1 set of Master Keys with IC.
Chain cutters at VC pool storage room, plus Main, North, South Guardhouses**

CERT Team, plus members of Firewise Board, establish “On Call Chain Cutter Squad” – need to specify volunteers for chain cutter duty, must have good upper body/arm strength. Again, the primary method of unlocking the gates is the combination. These members must be provided the combination by the IC.

Chain Cutter Squad activated by CERT IC via landline, cell phone (call tree), GMRS radio